

**Belvedere:** May 26, 2005  
*Jerry Butler*

**Corte Madera:** TO: Transportation Authority of Marin Commissioners  
*Melissa Gill*

**Fairfax:** RE: Transportation Enhancements (TE) projects for FY 05/06 and 06/07 –  
*Lew Tremaine*  
Agenda Item 12

Dear Commissioners:

**Larkspur:**  
*Joan Lundstrom*

**Background & Eligibility**

**Mill Valley:** The Transportation Authority of Marin has \$1,301,000 Transportation  
*Dick Swanson* Enhancements funds to program in FY05/06 and FY 06/07.

**Novato:** The three eligibility requirements for a project to use TE funds are:  
*Pat Eklund*

**Ross:**  
*Tom Byrnes*

**San Anselmo:**  
*Peter Breen*

**San Rafael:**  
*Al Boro*

**Sausalito:**  
*Amy Belser*

**Tiburon:**  
*Alice Fredericks*

**County of Marin:**  
*Susan Adams*  
*Hal Brown*  
*Steve Kinsey*  
*Cynthia Murray*  
*Annette Rose*

- A. **The project must have a direct functional relationship to the surface transportation system.**
- B. **The project must be over and above a normal project.** TE projects cannot be routine or customary elements of transportation projects or required mitigation for project impacts in compliance with the requirements of environmental or other local, state, or federal laws.
- C. **The project must fit within one or more of the following twelve categories of enhancement projects:**
  1. Provision of facilities for pedestrians and bicycles
  2. Provision of safety and educational activities for pedestrians and bicyclists
  3. Acquisition of scenic easements and scenic or historic sites
  4. Scenic or historic highway programs (including the provision of tourist and welcome center facilities)
  5. Landscaping and other scenic beautification
  6. Historic preservation
  7. Rehabilitation of historic transportation buildings, structures or facilities (including historic railroad facilities and canals)
  8. Preservation of abandoned railway corridors (including the conversion and use thereof for pedestrian or bicycle trails)
  9. Control and removal of outdoor advertising
  10. Archaeological planning and research
  11. Environmental mitigation to address water pollution due to highway runoff or reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality while maintaining habitat connectivity
  12. Establishment of transportation museums

With very few exceptions such as bike/pedestrian safety training, TE projects must be for capital improvements. Planning studies and maintenance projects (e.g. projects with a life of less than 5 years) are ineligible for TE funds.

### **Project Proposals**

Staff solicited proposals from local jurisdictions, and received the following:

<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Requested funds</b>
Marin Co *	Countywide Bicycle Guide Signing	\$150,000
Marin Co *	Bus stop improvements	\$106,000
Tiburon *	Pine Terrace multiuse path	\$107,000
Larkspur	East Sir Francis Drake Bicycle/Pedestrian Multi Use Wooden Bridge Rehabilitation	\$97,500
Marin Co	Fireside Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements - install crosswalk of SR1/Hwy 101 ramps at signalized intersection to access Manzanita Transit center and Shoreline trail, pedestrian / bike path along SR1 to crosswalk, Two Way Left Turn Lane to enter site	\$91,309
Marin Co	Ranchitos Road – Class 2 Bikeway \$160,000 TFCA funding already committed	\$717,424
Marin Co	Olema-Bolinas Road Pathway	\$418,000
Marin Co	Wolfe Grade Pathway	\$180,000
San Rafael	Medway/Canal Intersection Improvements Project utility underground, curb and gutter, sidewalk upgrades, bus stop improvements, and street furniture	\$400,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,267,233</b>

\* Three of the projects, as noted above, had prior STIP commitments, before projects had to be eliminated by TAM to fund the HOV Gap Closure shortfall. At that time, TAM committed to fund these projects as a priority when new discretionary funds became available.

### **Analysis**

Staff recommends that the shortfall replacement projects be funded first. The Call for Projects contained the following criteria to use as an aid in evaluating competing projects:

**Eligibility:** Projects must meet all eligibility criteria in order to be considered further for TEA funding. These requirements include, but are not limited to, the following factors:

- Project is an eligible TE project as determined by Caltrans.
- Project is a fully funded, stand-alone project.
- Project sponsor is an eligible administering agency per TE and STIP guidelines.
- Project is consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan and Countywide Transportation Plan.

**Prioritization:** Projects that meet all of the eligibility requirements will be prioritized for TEA funding based on, but not limited to the following factors:

- Project Readiness: Projects that can clearly demonstrate an ability to meet timely use of funds requirements and deliver benefits sooner rather than later will receive a higher priority.
- Safety: Projects with safety benefits will be given a higher priority.

- **Geographic Equity:** This factor will be considered looking at the entire list of Marin TE projects.

In developing the project list contained in the recommendation, a small amount of funding was left over, that amount was added to the countywide project to improve bus stops.

**Recommendation:** Direct staff to advise MTC and the California Transportation Commission that the Transportation Authority of Marin supports TE funding of the following:

<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>PE &amp; Env FY05/06</b>	<b>Const FY06/07</b>
Marin Co	Bicycle Guide Signing	\$150,000	\$42,300	\$107,700
Marin Co	Bus stop improvements	\$128,500	\$44,900	\$82,600
Tiburon	Pine Terrace multiuse path	\$107,000	\$20,000	\$87,000
Larkspur	East Sir Francis Drake Bicycle/Pedestrian Multi Use Wooden Bridge Rehabilitation	\$97,500	\$7,500	\$90,000
Marin Co	Olema Bolinas Pathway	\$418,000	\$146,300	\$271,700
San Rafael	Medway/Canal Intersection Improvements Project utility underground, curb and gutter, sidewalk upgrades, bus stop improvements, and street furniture	\$400,000		\$400,000
	Total	\$1,301,000	\$261,000	\$1,040,000

Respectfully Submitted,

Craig Tackabery  
Executive Director